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Romney, Flynn Present 16th Annual “Firefighter of the Year” Awards

Governor Mitt Romney and Public Safety Secretary Edward Flynn will present the 16th annual “Firefighter of the Year” Awards for heroic acts of bravery during a ceremony on Friday, October 28, 2005 at 11 a.m.

The event will take place at historic Faneuil Hall in Boston and will include a media presentation of the past year’s dramatic rescues, a brief speaking program and the award presentations for Outstanding Community Service, Medal of Valor, Meritorious Conduct, and the Fire Marshal Award for Special Appreciation.

Guests will include family members, previous “Firefighter of the Year” award recipients, elected officials, fire chiefs from across the Commonwealth, and members of the public safety community.

Firefighters from the following communities will be honored during the ceremony: Athol, Beverly, Boston, Braintree, Burlington, Chelmsford, Falmouth, Holbrook, Hyannis, Lexington, Northampton, North Andover, Oxford, Quincy, Yarmouth and the FEMA Region I Urban Search and Rescue Team.

Two fathers who lost their sons in The Station nightclub fire, James C. Gahan and Albert Gray, will be honored for their work to promote changes in Massachusetts fire safety laws and regulations.

DATE: Friday, October 28, 2005
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Historic Faneuil Hall, Boston
VISUALS: Ladder trucks framing entrance of Faneuil Hall, fire department honor guards and ceremonial bag pipers, posting of colors, symbolic ringing of the fire bell, video and slide presentation.

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